Alaska Board of Fisheries

STATEWIDE DUNGENESS CRAB, SHRIMP, OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SHELLFISH, AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES MEETING ROADMAP

March 6-9, 2018
Egan Civic and Convention Center, Anchorage

TENTATIVE PROPOSAL ROADMAP

(31 proposals)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 1: Statewide and Prince William Sound Sport and Personal Use Shellfish, Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Commercial Shellfish, and Cook Inlet Subsistence, Commercial, and Personal Use Shellfish, Southeastern Area Miscellaneous Shellfish (13 Proposals - Chair: Morisky)

Statewide Sport and Personal Use Shellfish (3 Proposals)
206 Allow use of pot gear to harvest octopus under sport fishing regulations.
217 Allow for harvest of octopus with additional gear while participating in the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery.
207 Allow retrieval of personal use scallop dredges with five horsepower or less haulers.

Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Commercial Shellfish (6 Proposals)
208 Establish pot limits in the Alaska Peninsula District commercial Dungeness crab fishery.
209 Specify legal operation of commercial Dungeness crab pot gear in Registration Area J.
210 Establish fishing season for scallops in the Southeast District of Registration Area K.
211 Reduce closed waters for scallops in the Southwest District of Registration Area K.
212 Establish sea cucumber management plan in the Kodiak District of Registration Area J.
229 Repeal fixed total allowable catch (TAC) and adopt an Aleutian Islands golden king crab harvest strategy that uses biomass estimates generated from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game stock assessment model to establish TAC.

Cook Inlet Subsistence, Commercial, and Personal Use Shellfish (3 Proposals)
213 Repeal the Cook Inlet Area personal use clam fishery.
214 Modify sport and subsistence razor clam regulations in the Cook Inlet Area.
215 Allow commercially caught scallops in the Kamishak Bay District of the Cook Inlet Area to be delivered live.
Southeastern Area Miscellaneous Shellfish Sea Cucumber Management Plan (1 Proposal)
(Note: Proposal 88 was tabled at the Southeast Shellfish and Finfish Meeting to the Statewide Meeting.)

88 Modify the method for establishing the guideline harvest level in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial sea cucumber fishery.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 2: Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian Islands Area Commercial Herring Fishery, Aleutian Islands Area King Crab Fishery, Yukon Area Subsistence and Commercial Fisheries, Prince William Sound Area Sport Fishery (7 Proposals – Chair: Ruffner)

Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian Islands Area Commercial Herring Fishery (1 Proposal)
236 Increase the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery allocation, eliminate the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery allocations between gear types, and open the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery earlier.

Yukon Area Subsistence and Commercial Finfish Fisheries (5 Proposals)
230 Allow the use of drift gillnets to harvest salmon for subsistence purposes in Yukon River Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C.
231 Repeal the prohibition on subsistence fishing in Yukon River Districts 1 and 2 during the first pulse of king salmon.
232 Allow sale of Yukon River king salmon caught incidentally during open commercial fishing periods for other salmon species.
233 Clarify the District 1 boundary and allow set gillnets to be operated up to three nautical miles seaward from any grassland bank in District 1 after July 15.
237 Repeal the District 6 commercial salmon fishing season fixed closure date and replace with a closure date established by emergency order.

Prince William Sound Area Sport Fishery (1 Proposal)
238 Require all anglers to use deep water release mechanisms when releasing rockfish in Prince William Sound.


Noncommercial (2 Proposals)
216 Require participants in the Prince William Sound Area noncommercial shrimp fishery to register with the department prior to May 1.
218 Modify the start date for the Prince William Sound Area noncommercial shrimp pot fishing season. (Correction: an error was noted in the original publication of this proposal. The proposal was revised February 6.)
Commercial (9 Proposals)
219 Modify the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishing season.
220 Modify the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishing seasons to separate commercial and noncommercial seasons.
221 Amend statistical areas included in the three areas fished triennially on a rotating basis in the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.
222 Modify the fishing area rotation system in the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.
223 Remove the total allowable harvest threshold for the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.
224 Modify the guideline harvest threshold for the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.
225 Increase the commercial allocation of the total allowable harvest in the Prince William Sound Area shrimp pot fishery.
226 Reduce closed waters in the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp trawl fishery.
227 Repeal Prince William Sound Area commercial winter shrimp trawl fishery fishing season provisions allowing a fall/winter fishery.